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SUBJECT: NATARAJ

DELIVER AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN 8:00 A.M.

FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN FROM KUX

1. GRACE GOUECK OF NEW YORK TIMES HOPING CALL YOU MORNING DECEMBER 24 YOUR TIME TO GET YOUR COMMENTS ON NATARAJ AND SIMON'S COMPLAINTS. I HAVE STRESSED USG INTEREST IN FACILITATING AMICABLE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN SIMON AND INDIANS AND OUR DISAPPOINTMENT THAT FOR REASONS NOT YET CLEAR, MARCH 21 DEAL SIMON MADE WITH KAUL FELL THROUGH.

2. I HAVE GIVEN HER FULL CHRONOLOGY WITHOUT, HOWEVER, GOING INTO DETAILS OF AIDE-MEMOIRE OR CURRENT CUSTOMS INVESTIGATION (ON ADVISE OF DEPARTMENT LAWYERS). KEY DATES AS FOLLOWS:

-- NOVEMBER 1973 - INDIANS ASKED MET NOT TO SHOW NATARAJ.

-- MID-DECEMBER 1973 - YOU TALKED WITH TEJA ABOUT POSSIBLE AMICABLE SETTLEMENT.

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-- JANUARY 4, 1974 - YOU CABLED SIMON TO SAY INDIANS

WOULD WELCOME VISIT BY HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

-- JANUARY 12, 1974 - YOU CABLED SIMON TO PROPOSE
MEETING WHEN YOU NEXT IN U.S.

-- FEBRUARY 5, 1974 - YOU HAD DINNER WITH SIMON IN
WASHINGTON.

-- FEBRUARY 21 -- YOU CABLED SIMON ABOUT YOUR MEETING
WITH DOUGLAS DILLON.

-- MARCH 21 - SIMON SHOOK HANDS WITH KAUL.

-- MAY 14 - YOU CABLED SIMON EXPRESSING HOPE THAT HE
WOULD WORK OUT DETAILS OF MARCH 21 DEAL WITH GONSALVES
WHO THEN VISITING WEST COAST.

-- JUNE 26 - AT INDIAN REQEUST, DEPARTMENT FORWARDED
AIDE-MEMOIRE TO CUSTOMS ASKING FOR SUCH ACTION AS
APPROPRIATE UNDER U.S. LAW.

LAST TIME WE HEARD FROM SIMON WAS WHEN WE PASSED ON YOUR
MAY 14 MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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